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Before this issue can be understood in its full light, a background of information is needed.

First of all, *what* is the University Senate? The University Senate is a body composed of 24 faculty senators from the five colleges, and seven administrators (3 deans and Pres. Hughes and provost Sr. Furay). The Senate concerns itself with: a) the undergraduate education program; b) the general quality of studies; c) general policies pertaining to faculty appointment, reappointment, rank and tenure; d) general policies regarding faculty status, such as morale, grievances, leaves, etc.; e) general student welfare; and f) recommendations relative to honorary degrees. Note that at least 50% of these concerns (a,b,e) pertain directly to the students.

Secondly, *what* is the proposal and what is its history in the University Senate? Briefly, at the University Senate meeting of Nov. 23, 1976, AS Pres. Chuck LiMandri presented the proposal which read that, "the University Senate be amended

The problems of theft and vandalism are recurring this year. Security Chief Eugene Gomes said that even though security's staff is small "an increase in security personnel will not necessarily result in a decrease in thefts. The person who is going to do the stealing can choose the time and place. There's no way we can determine in advance where he or she will strike."

A better solution to the problem, in security's eyes, is to make students more aware of what is going on and to have them report it. John McGuire, a campus security officer, said "You've got a community here of 5,000 people and not everyone's going to be a nice guy."

Shift supervisor Phil Milligan said "There's no fencing (around the school). It's wide open and people come and go. It's very difficult for us to determine if a person walking down Marion Way is a student or a non-student." Because of this Milligan

believes that people on campus should watch their valuables a little more diligently. This does not imply that the theft problem is mainly attributable to strangers on campus, Miligan said, but "people are not sensitive to the fact that strangers are a potential source of thefts. I think if people were more aware of it, there'd no longer be any hesitancy to call us."

He, and some other members of security, cited cases in which strangers had come onto the campus and stolen things. He said "I hate to say 'don't trust people', but you can't trust all of them."

All the security personnel interviewed stressed the need to educate the students. They believe that responsibility lies on their own shoulders. Milligan said "We have to get out and talk to the community." This is already being done. Security Chief Gomes told of a new program instituted by security officer Kathy Watson. This program involves "rap sessions" between security and dorm residents. The first one was held last semester and was termed "a success" by Gomes. He said "We learned a lot from the students and, I think, they learned a lot from us."

Gomes also said that he'd like to see security given a block of time during orientation week to talk to freshmen about what they can do to protect their valuables.

The security officers all agreed that much of what can be done involves plain old common sense. Doors should be locked when a student leaves the room and keys shouldn't be lent out. In many of the thefts from the dorms there were no signs of forced entry. Gomes recommended that students make use of the engraving service offered by security to mark valuables. Finally, students should not be afraid to report anything that looks suspicious to them.

or extremely dumb jokes. The piano player Bob Austin fit the mood of the Cabaret perfectly with his inane grin.

The show was highlighted by the talents of Marsha Klee who played guitar and sang a set of blues songs. Judy Harper also played guitar and sang some religious tunes.

The best performance of the evening was turned in by Ann King who sang "Send in the Clowns," accompanied by Austin on the piano.

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JIMMIE WALKER HERE

That "dyn-o-mite" kid Jimmy "J.J." Walker is coming to USD. He will present a stand-up comedy show in Camino Theatre on Thursday March 10 at 8 p.m. Admission will be two dollars for the General Public, one dollar for non-USD students. USD students will be admitted free.

LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The Friends of the library will hold their third annual book sale next Friday March 11 from noon to 3 p.m. and Saturday, March 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Camino 151. Books, paperbacks and magazines will be sold.

ATTENTION VETERANS

The new Veterans club meets every Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. in the Student Union. Your membership is needed to help reorganize the club.

ORIENTATION WORKERS NEEDED

The Dean of Students office is looking for volunteers to work on the Freshman orientation staff for the Fall '77 program. Anyone who is interested in this should sign up in the Dean of Students office in Serra 200 by March 18.

FACULTY GATHERINGS PLANNED

In an attempt to deepen the spirit of unity among faculty, administrators and staff, a series of informal faculty gatherings are being planned throughout the Spring semester, according to Sister Betsy Walsh and others involved in the project. Time will be set aside for reflection, discussion, lectures, prayer and whatever else

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Carter plans aid cutback

Financial aid Legislative alert

President Carter's Administration is proposing cuts in the funding available to students under Financial Aid. In particular, the National Direct Student Loan Program (NDSL) has been proposed for no additional funds for this coming academic year 1977-78. Many students will be effected by this proposal if approved by Congress. If you have any comments on this situation, please write:

The Honorable Representative Clair Burgener
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Letters should reach Representative Burgener no later than March 10. The budget is scheduled to House floor by March 15, 1977.